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The House met pursuant to adjournment.

Representative Lyons in the chair.

Prayer by Pastor Mark McConnell, who is with New Cornerstone Baptist Church in Peoria, IL.

Representatives Cole and Pihos led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:

114 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Daniel Burke, Nybo, Phelps and Watson were excused from attendance.

REPORTS

The Clerk of the House acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

Annual Target Market Program (Public Act 097-228), submitted by Illinois Department of Transportation on February 1, 2012.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Representative Greg Harris replaced Representative Gordon in the Committee on Consumer Protection on February 1, 2012.

TEMPORARY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS FOR COMMITTEES NOT REPORTING

Representative Mayfield replaced Representative Colvin in the Committee on Labor on February 1, 2012.

Representative Ford replaced Representative Phelps in the Committee on Labor on February 1, 2012.

REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Representative Nekritz, Chairperson, from the Committee on Judiciary I - Civil Law to which the following were referred, action taken on January 31, 2012, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 3950.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 3950 is as follows:

10, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Nekritz(D), Chairperson

Y Tracy(R), Republican Spokesperson

Y Kay(R)

Y Mathias(R)

Y Turner(D)

Y Zalewski(D)

Y Bradley(D), Vice-Chairperson

A Connelly(R)

Y Lang(D)

Y Thapedi(D)

Y Williams(D)

Representative D'Amico, Chairperson, from the Committee on Transportation: Vehicles & Safety to which the following were referred, action taken on February 1, 2012, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported "do pass" and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 3948.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 3948 is as follows:
8, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y D'Amico(D), Chairperson	Y Beiser(D), Vice-Chairperson
Y Moffitt(R), Republican Spokesperson	Y Cunningham(D)
Y Krezwick(D)	Y Penny(D)
A Reboletti(R)	Y Rita(D)
Y Unes(R)	

Representative Berrios, Chairperson, from the Committee on Consumer Protection to which the following were referred, action taken on February 1, 2012, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

That the bill be reported “do pass” and be placed on the order of Second Reading-- Short Debate: HOUSE BILL 3935.

The committee roll call vote on House Bill 3935 is as follows:
13, Yeas; 4, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Berrios(D), Chairperson	Y Jackson(D), Vice-Chairperson
N Sullivan(R), Republican Spokesperson	A Acevedo(D)
N Barickman(R)	Y Biss(D)
Y Cassidy(D)	Y Costello(D)
Y Evans(R)	Y Harris, G.(D) (replacing Gordon)
Y Hammond(R)	Y Hernandez(D)
A Nybo(R)	Y Pihos(R)
N Ramey(R)	Y Rita(D)
N Roth(R)	Y Turner(D)
A Watson(R)	Y Williams(D)

REQUEST FOR FISCAL NOTE

Representative Morrison requested that a Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4117.

REQUEST FOR STATE MANDATES FISCAL NOTE

Representative Morrison requested that a State Mandates Fiscal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4117.

REQUEST FOR BALANCED BUDGET NOTE

Representative Morrison requested that a Balanced Budget Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4117.

REQUEST FOR CORRECTIONAL NOTE

Representative Morrison requested that a Correctional Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4117.

REQUEST FOR HOME RULE NOTE

Representative Morrison requested that a Home Rule Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4117.

REQUEST FOR HOUSING AFFORDABILITY IMPACT NOTE

Representative Morrison requested that a Housing Affordability Impact Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4117.

REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTE

Representative Morrison requested that a Judicial Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4117.

REQUEST FOR LAND CONVEYANCE APPRAISAL NOTE

Representative Morrison requested that a Land Conveyance Appraisal Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4117.

REQUEST FOR PENSION NOTE

Representative Morrison requested that a Pension Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4117.

REQUEST FOR STATE DEBT IMPACT NOTE

Representative Morrison requested that a State Debt Impact Note be supplied for HOUSE BILL 4117.

JUDICIAL NOTE SUPPLIED

A Judicial Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 4085.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by

Mr. Anderson, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 59

Concurred in the Senate, February 1, 2012.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

A message from the Senate by

Mr. Anderson, Secretary:

Mr. Speaker -- I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has concurred with the House in the adoption of the following joint resolution, to-wit:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 55

Concurred in the Senate, February 1, 2012.

Tim Anderson, Secretary of the Senate

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 727

Offered by Representative Bellock:

WHEREAS, In the United States, approximately 12,000 women each year are diagnosed with cervical cancer; approximately 4,000 women each year die from cervical cancer in the U.S.; and

WHEREAS, Half of the women diagnosed with the disease are between 35 and 55 years of age; approximately 20% of diagnoses are made in women older than 65; and

WHEREAS, Cervical cancer rates vary, but occur more often in African-American women and Hispanic women than in non-Hispanic white women; and

WHEREAS, Cervical cancer is usually a slow-growing cancer that may not have symptoms; cervical cancer is primarily caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV), but can be detected by Papanicolaou test (Pap tests) or other early detection tests; and

WHEREAS, The Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program provides access to screening and treatment options, including free pelvic exams and Pap tests for qualifying uninsured women; and

WHEREAS, Detecting cervical cancer in its earliest stages greatly improves survival rates; and

WHEREAS, Over 90% of women diagnosed with cervical cancer can survive when the cancer is localized and is caught in its early stages; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate January of 2012 as Cervical Health Awareness Month in the State of Illinois and encourage the citizens of this State to recognize the importance of good cervical health and of detecting cervical cancer in its earliest stages; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we recognize the patients and survivors of cervical cancer for their tremendous courage and determination.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 728

Offered by Representative Bellock:

WHEREAS, Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) causes deadly infections in patients receiving treatment in health care facilities and affects numerous individuals in the community; and

WHEREAS, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has estimated that hospital-acquired MRSA infections kill more than 19,000 individuals in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, More than 200 studies support the need for active detection (screening) of at-risk patients, upon admission to a healthcare facility, to identify MRSA carriers who are infected, reducing the chance of a patient acquiring a MRSA infection and reducing the reservoir of transmission in the facility; and

WHEREAS, Testing and decontaminating of frequently touched surfaces and other environments for MRSA and other pathogens can help reduce the reservoir of transmission to patients and community members; and

WHEREAS, Patient and consumer advocacy organizations are calling upon health care officials and government leaders to step up and take a more comprehensive approach to stopping MRSA through implementation of active detection (screening) of high-risk patients and decontaminating frequently touched surfaces; and

WHEREAS, MRSA Survivors Network, the first consumer organization in Illinois and the United States to raise awareness concerning the MRSA epidemic and other such multi-drug resistant health care-acquired infections, has announced that April 1-7, 2012, has been designated as International MRSA Testing Week in order to call attention to this worldwide epidemic; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we proclaim April 1-7, 2012 as MRSA Testing Week in the State of Illinois to coincide with International MRSA Testing Week.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 729

Offered by Representative Bellock:

WHEREAS, Currently, some 8 million women in the United States are living with heart disease, yet only one in 5 American women believe that heart disease is her greatest health threat; and

WHEREAS, 90% of women have one or more risk factors for developing heart disease; and

WHEREAS, 26% of women die within a year of suffering a heart attack, compared with 19% of men; and

WHEREAS, While one in 30 American women die from breast cancer each year, one in 3 die of cardiovascular disease; and

WHEREAS, Cardiovascular disease claims the lives of over 419,000 American females each year, almost one death per minute; and

WHEREAS, Only 43% of African-American women and 44% of Hispanic women know that heart disease is their greatest health risk, compared with 60% of white women; and

WHEREAS, Nearly as many women die of heart disease, stroke, and all other cardiovascular diseases than the next 3 leading causes of death combined, including all cancers; and

WHEREAS, Only 16% of women surveyed in 2009 identified cardiovascular disease as the greatest health problem facing them; and

WHEREAS, In women, heart disease is too often a silent killer, compared with most men; less than one-third of women in a recent survey reported any early warning signs, such as chest pain or discomfort, before a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, Common symptoms for women included pain of the jaw, arm, or back, but most reported a delay in seeking treatments after the symptoms began anywhere from 15 minutes to 2 weeks; and

WHEREAS, Women are less likely to call 911 for themselves when experiencing symptoms of a heart attack than if someone else were having a heart attack; and

WHEREAS, "Go Red For Women" is the American Heart Association's national call to increase awareness about heart disease, the leading cause of death for women, and to inspire women to take charge of their heart health; and

WHEREAS, All women should learn their own personal risk for heart disease by using tools such as the American Heart Association's "My Life Check", the "Go Red For Women Heart CheckUp", and "Go Red For Women Better U", and by talking to their healthcare provider; and

WHEREAS, Making the right choices relating to proper nutrition, physical activity, and other healthy lifestyle choices are essential to living a heart healthy life; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that, in recognition of the importance of the ongoing fight against heart disease and stroke, we designate the month of February 20one2 as "Go Red For Women Month" in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge all citizens to show their support for women's health, join the fight against heart disease and stroke, increase their awareness of these deadly diseases, and empower women to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease and stroke so that thousands of lives can be saved each year.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 730

Offered by Representative Jones:

WHEREAS, February 7, 2012, marks the 12th year of the commemoration and observance of National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day; and

WHEREAS, This observance is a nationwide effort to mobilize African-American communities to get educated, get tested, get involved, and get treated for HIV/AIDS, as it continues to devastate African-American communities; and

WHEREAS, National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is directed, planned, and strategically implemented by HIV/AIDS organizations to mobilize community-based organizations and stakeholders involved in HIV/AIDS prevention, care, and treatment; and

WHEREAS, Nearly 60,000 residents of Illinois are living with HIV and 55% of reported HIV diagnoses

are African-Americans; and

WHEREAS, Among African-Americans ages 25-44, HIV was the fourth leading cause of death for men and third leading cause of death for women, higher than any other racial group; and

WHEREAS, Numerous organizations, faith based institutions, public health entities, and impacted citizens are hosting community events to recognize this day and its importance to African-Americans and all concerned citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that we join with these local, national, and international groups to express our strong support for National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day and the initiatives to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS in African-American communities, and provide access to HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment, and support services to those affected by HIV/AIDS; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we designate the date of February 7, 2012 as National African-American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day in Illinois, and encourage local residents to strongly support this day and participate in events planned to commemorate the occasion.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 734

Offered by Representative Kelly Burke:

WHEREAS, The federal farm bill impacts all Illinoisans; agriculture represents a vital part of both rural and urban economies; and

WHEREAS, There is growing consumer demand from Illinois citizens for locally and regionally-produced farm and food products; and

WHEREAS, There is growing farmer and entrepreneur interest in meeting the consumer demand for local and regional farm and food products; and

WHEREAS, Local and regional food economies are a vital source of employment in our communities; and

WHEREAS, Supporting public health and protecting our environment are essential to the viability and livability of our communities and our economy; and

WHEREAS, Communities throughout Illinois face multiple health, social, and environmental issues connected to food, including hunger, malnutrition, increasing incidences of obesity, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and other chronic diseases; and

WHEREAS, Increased access to healthy food is an important tool for communities to address the multifaceted health, social, and environmental issues connected to food; and

WHEREAS, Access to healthy food is increased when local and regional community-based food production, processing, aggregation, distribution, and retail work together to build markets for healthy food; and

WHEREAS, The policies, programs, and funding included in the 2012 Farm Bill will affect how successful Illinois communities can be in developing local and regional food systems that advance the goals of environmental sustainability, economic development, public health, racial and social justice, and emergency preparedness; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to adopt a farm bill that supports and promotes the development of local and regional food systems; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the members of the Illinois congressional delegation.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 735

Offered by Representative Durkin:

WHEREAS, It is estimated that 23.6 million people in the United States, or 7.8% of the total population, are affected by diabetes; and

WHEREAS, The American Diabetes Association estimates that about 60% to 70% of people with diabetes have mild to severe forms of nervous system damage due to diabetic peripheral neuropathy; and

WHEREAS, Diabetic peripheral neuropathy is a serious condition that damages nerve fibers due to prolonged exposure to high amounts of glucose in the bloodstream; and

WHEREAS, Diabetic peripheral neuropathy can occur whether a person has Type I diabetes, also known as juvenile diabetes, or Type II diabetes, which is typically adult-onset; and

WHEREAS, Diabetic peripheral neuropathy accounts for more diabetes-related hospitalizations than any other complication; and

WHEREAS, Diabetic peripheral neuropathy often causes intense pain, frequently described as tingling, shooting, burning, pins and needles, or sharp pain due to nerve damage; and

WHEREAS, Sixty-four percent of diabetic nerve pain sufferers reported that their pain interferes with the daily activities that matter to them, and 80% of diabetic nerve pain patients reported problems with mobility; and

WHEREAS, Diabetic nerve pain may make it difficult to stay physically active and exercise, a critical component of diabetes management, which may contribute to worsening glycemic control and make sufferers more likely to develop additional health problems, including more nerve damage; and

WHEREAS, According to the American Diabetes Association, patients with diabetes should be screened for diabetic peripheral neuropathy at diagnosis and at least annually; and

WHEREAS, It is important that people with diabetes be aware of the dangers and warning signs of diabetic peripheral neuropathy and make healthy lifestyle choices to potentially delay the onset or slow down the progression of this life-changing condition; and

WHEREAS, Diabetic peripheral neuropathy is a serious health issue deserving of attention from the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, An increase in community awareness of risk factors and symptoms related to diabetes can improve the likelihood that people with diabetes will get the attention they need before suffering devastating complications; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we recognize that public awareness efforts are necessary to inform people of the many dangers posed by diabetes and what steps to take to potentially delay the onset or slow the progression of diabetic peripheral neuropathy and that there are options to treat the pain associated with it.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 737

Offered by Representative Kay:

WHEREAS, The Illinois public pension systems are estimated to have an unfunded liability of \$80 billion, and the State's contribution to those systems is expected to be \$22 billion in fiscal year 2045; and

WHEREAS, The Pew Center issued a study on state pensions, titled "The Trillion Dollar Gap", which reported that Illinois has the worst-funded pension systems in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Illinois pension systems have used questionable accounting and investment practices; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is facing an unprecedented funding shortfall in all of its pension systems and is commonly considered to have the worst-funded public pension systems among the 50 states; and

WHEREAS, Federal corruption charges leading to the conviction of former Governor Rod Blagojevich and his political associates included official actions pertaining to the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, State law provides limits on Freedom of Information Act requests for pension data that limit the transparency of the pension systems of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It was recently made public that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has opened an inquiry into the reporting of potential pension reform savings by the pension systems; and

WHEREAS, The inquiry has raised questions about investment decisions, investment returns, and accounting techniques that warrant an audit of the pension systems; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL

ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability to competitively bid for an auditing firm to conduct an audit of the State Employee's Retirement System of Illinois, the Judges Retirement System of Illinois, the General Assembly Retirement System, the State Universities Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the firm shall look into all processes of the systems, including examining contracts awarded, investment decisions, investment returns, investment fees, trading commissions, accounting techniques, and any other processes related to the management of the funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability report within one year after the adoption of this resolution to the General Assembly and Governor, and publish on its website, all findings, including recommendations on how each system can improve efficiency and any finding of suspected corruption; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the pension systems involved fully cooperate and turn over any materials requested by the auditing firm; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability begin the process of selecting an auditing firm as soon as possible after the adoption of this resolution so that an initial discovery audit will be made available within 2 months to the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability and the public; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability report quarterly on the fiscal condition of the pension systems, in particular: the current funding ratio, as projected with and without the use of 5-year asset smoothing; balance of assets; cash on hand; and projected liabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Executive Director of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, as well as to the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois, the Judges Retirement System of Illinois, the General Assembly Retirement System, the State Universities Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 738

Offered by Representative Sosnowski:

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 97th General Assembly are amended by changing House Rule 9 as follows:

(House Rule 9)

9. Schedule.

(a) The Speaker shall periodically establish a schedule of days on which the House shall convene in regular, perfunctory, and veto session, with that schedule subject to revision at the discretion of the Speaker.

(b) The Speaker may schedule or reschedule deadlines at his or her discretion for any action on any category of legislative measure as the Speaker deems appropriate, including deadlines for the following legislative actions:

- (1) Final day to request bills from the Legislative Reference Bureau.
- (2) Final day for introduction of bills.
- (3) Final day for standing committees of the House to report House bills, except House appropriation bills.
- (4) Final day for standing committees of the House to report House appropriation bills.
- (5) Final day for Third Reading and passage of House bills, except House appropriation bills.
- (6) Final day for Third Reading and passage of House appropriation bills.
- (7) Final day for standing committees of the House to report Senate appropriation bills.
- (8) Final day for standing committees of the House to report Senate bills, except appropriation bills.
- (9) Final day for special committees to report to the House.
- (10) Final day for Third Reading and passage of Senate appropriation bills.

(11) Final day for Third Reading and passage of Senate bills, except appropriation bills.

(12) Final day for consideration of joint action motions and conference committee reports.

(c) The Speaker may schedule or reschedule any necessary deadlines for legislative action during any special session of the House. The Speaker may establish a Weekly Order of Business or a Daily Order of Business setting forth the date and approximate time at which specific legislative measures may be considered by the House. The Weekly Order of Business or Daily Order of Business is effective upon being filed by the Speaker with the Clerk and takes the place of the standing order of business for the amount of time necessary for its completion. Nothing in this Rule, however, limits the Speaker's or Presiding Officer's powers under Rule 4(c)(3) or Rule 43(a).

(c-5) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (b) and (c) of this Rule, the Speaker or the Minority Leader may revise the deadlines scheduled under subsections (b) and (c) of this Rule for a specific bill or bills by filing the revision in writing with the Clerk.

(d) The foregoing deadlines, or any revisions to those deadlines, are effective upon being filed by the Speaker or Minority Leader with the Clerk. The Clerk shall journalize those deadlines.

(e) This Rule may be suspended only by the affirmative vote of 71 members elected.
(Source: H.R. 35, 97th G.A.)

AGREED RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 731

Offered by Representative Yarbrough:
Congratulates Union Pacific Railroad on its 150th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 732

Offered by Representative Kelly Burke:
Congratulates Eugene Tabour on his retirement as a Trustee for the Evergreen Park Public Library Board.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 733

Offered by Representative Kelly Burke:
Congratulates the Saint Xavier University Football team, the Cougars, on winning the 2011 NAIA National Championship.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 736

Offered by Representative Senger:
Congratulates the Board of Trustees, administration, and staff of the Naperville Public Library on the occasion of being awarded a "5 Star" designation by the Library Journal Index of Public Library Service.

RECESS

At the hour of 11:57 o'clock a.m., Speaker of the House Madigan moved that the House do now take a recess for the Governor to address the Joint Session.

The motion prevailed.

**JOINT SESSION
11:57 O'CLOCK A.M.**

The hour having arrived, the time heretofore fixed by House Joint Resolution 55 adopted by the Senate and the House of Representatives, the Joint Session convened for the purpose of receiving the Governor to deliver his State of the State Address in person to the Ninety-Seventh General Assembly.

The Senate, preceded by the Honorable President Cullerton, and Members of the Senate, appeared in the Hall of the House of Representatives and, by direction of the Speaker, took the seats assigned to them.

The two Houses being convened in Joint Session, President Cullerton of the Senate announced that a quorum of the Senate was present.

Speaker of the House Madigan, announced that a quorum of the House of Representatives was present.

A majority of each house of the General Assembly being present, the Speaker of the House announced the Joint Session duly formed.

Representative Currie offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

JOINT SESSION RESOLUTION 2

RESOLVED, That a committee of ten be appointed, five from the House, by the Speaker of the House, and five from the Senate, by the President of the Senate, to wait upon The Honorable Governor of the State of Illinois and invite him to address the Joint Assembly.

Representative Sara Feigenholtz
Representative Derrick Smith
Representative Jerry Costello
Representative Donald Moffitt
Representative Sidney Mathias
Senator Jeffrey Schoenberg
Senator Edward Maloney
Senator Annazette Collins
Senator Larry Bomke
Senator John Millner

**GOVERNOR PAT QUINN
BUDGET ADDRESS**

President Cullerton, Speaker Madigan, Leaders Radogno and Cross, Attorney General Madigan, Secretary White, Comptroller Topinka, Treasurer Rutherford, Members of the General Assembly, distinguished guests and fellow citizens of Illinois, I'm here today to report to you on the state of our state.

But before I begin, I know I speak for all of Illinois in wishing our Senator Mark Kirk a speedy recovery. We're all pulling for you, Mark.

And I also know I speak for all of Illinois and all of America in thanking our service members in every branch of service who have volunteered to protect our democracy.

We're here today because of you.

We are especially proud of the service members of our Illinois National Guard. In the early morning last December 18, a convoy of the Illinois National Guard's 1644th transportation company led by their commander Captain Michael Barton, crossed the desert of Southern Iraq into Kuwait.

Their unit had made 73 dangerous convoy trips between Kuwait and Iraq.

They drove nearly 4 million miles. Their convoy was one of the very last to leave Iraq. The war was over.

And today, Captain Barton's wife Kelli, and their daughter Myleigh are with us.

On behalf of a grateful nation and a grateful state, thank you Kelli, thank you Myleigh, thank you Captain Barton and thank you service members of the Illinois National Guard.

You are our heroes.

I'm very proud to be the Commander in Chief of the Illinois National Guard and I'm proud to be governor of Illinois.

Almost exactly three years ago to this day, I took the oath of office at this podium during one of the darkest moments in Illinois' history.

One former governor was in jail. Another was under arrest, impeached and removed from office.

Both my predecessors had disgraced themselves and brought profound embarrassment to the people of our state.

At the same time, our entire nation was in the throes of a massive economic crisis, caused by disgraceful conduct and greed on Wall Street.

Our large and small businesses were reeling.

Our automakers were in dire straits.

Across Illinois, families were losing their jobs, losing their homes, watching their savings disappear.

We were off course and adrift, lacking leadership, and weighed down by a culture of corruption.

On the day I became Governor three years ago, I promised to restore integrity to Illinois government.

And we have.

Through tough new ethics laws, campaign finance reform, and establishing the ability to recall a corrupt governor, we have made Illinois a more ethical state.

But we didn't stop there. By legalizing civil unions, by raising the standards of nursing home care, by abolishing the death penalty and by protecting the funerals of our military men and women who gave their last full measure of devotion to our democracy, we have made Illinois a better state.

All the while, we have helped everyday people by building and growing Illinois.

We have invested in our state, making it a better place to do business.

And we have invested in the people of Illinois, helping our working families and improving education.

The results are in from major export growth and the largest public works construction program in state history to solid gains in education.

We're back on course - Illinois is moving forward.

Now we all know that the economic storm is far from over. While we have downsized Illinois government more than ever before, we continue to face very difficult decisions to restore financial stability to our state.

Suffice it to say, we must have Medicaid reform and public pension reform in the coming year.

We took the first step on pension reform in 2010 when we enacted landmark changes that will save taxpayers billions of dollars.

But there's much more to do.

Fixing the pension problem will not be easy, but we have no choice.

We must do it together in a way that is meaningful, constitutional, and fair to the employees who have faithfully contributed to the system.

That's why I've assembled a pension working group to propose a solution that can be enacted this year.

I will have more to say about these serious matters during my budget address three weeks from today.

But we must always remember that strong economic growth is essential to resolving our fiscal challenges.

Cuts alone will not get us to a better budget. We must build and grow our Illinois economy like never before to keep Illinois moving forward.

In the past three years, we've worked together to strengthen our economy and make Illinois a better place to do business.

We've reformed our workers' compensation system. The reforms we put in place will protect the safety of our workers and save Illinois businesses at least a half billion dollars every year.

We've also reformed our unemployment insurance system. We've preserved benefits for unemployed workers while saving businesses \$400 million dollars.

We've cut red tape for employers that need environmental permits. And we've worked with our union partners to overhaul workplace rules at McCormick Place to lower the cost of conventions.

Already, new conventions are picking Illinois and putting our people to work.

Each of these landmark reforms shows the power of bringing everyone to the table to repair broken systems.

That's moving forward.

But we've not just made Illinois a better place to do business, we've also invested in our public works – our highways, our bridges, our railroads and our schools – to make Illinois stronger.

We've created good-paying jobs while laying the foundation for future growth.

Thanks to our *Illinois Jobs Now!* plan, Illinois has the largest capital construction program in our history.

Over the past three years, we have been building, repairing, and modernizing.

Every day, you see the fruits of our labor... all across Illinois.

We have improved 5,948 miles of highways and 842 bridges.

In southern Illinois, we're building new lanes on Route 13.

In Rockford, we're building a new Morgan Street Bridge.

And in East Peoria, we're building Technology Boulevard.

We've also built and renovated more than 400 schools from Western Illinois University's new riverfront campus in Moline to the new Transportation Education Center at SIU in Carbondale and from the repurposed Cole Hall at Northern Illinois University in DeKalb to the new electrical and computer engineering building at the University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign.

We've also invested in more than 40 public transportation projects.

We're working with Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel to rebuild the CTA's Red Line. We're working with Rockford Mayor Larry Morrissey to build new passenger rail from Chicago to Rockford. We're working with elected officials in the South Suburbs and Will County to build a new airport.

And we're building high-speed rail from Chicago to St. Louis and a new bridge across the Mississippi River.

All these projects and many more have created thousands of jobs.

Thank you to the men and women of Illinois who are doing this hard work.

Here in Illinois, unlike other states in the Midwest, we believe in the right of working people to organize.

Your hard work is why Illinois is moving forward.

Speaking of hard work, I would like to salute Secretary of State Jesse White. For the first time in history, we kept fatalities on Illinois highways below 1,000 for three consecutive years.

Thank you Secretary White for your commitment to highway safety and saving lives.

Now, we all know that automobiles are essential to the success of the Illinois economy.

Our automakers and their suppliers are thriving today because state government has helped meet their needs.

Three years ago, the Ford plant on the South Side of Chicago had only one shift.

In 2010, Ford added a second shift and now they have started to hire for a third shift. Thank you, Ford.

Tomorrow I'm traveling to the Chrysler plant in Belvidere to announce the creation of hundreds of new jobs to manufacture the new, 21st century Dodge Dart. That's moving forward. Thank you, Chrysler.

The reason that Ford and Chrysler are creating new jobs here is because of our skilled workforce.

Illinois is not only a land of skilled workers. It's also a land of creative entrepreneurs. People like Karrie Gibson and her company, Vintage Tech Recyclers in Romeoville.

Our investment helped Karrie grow her recycling technology business from 1 person to 77 employees.

Thank you, Karrie.

Illinois is also a land of technology. We're in the process of laying 4,100 miles of new broadband fiber optic cable to light up 5,000 of our schools, libraries, businesses and hospitals with world-class information networks.

We started Illinois' first venture fund to encourage investors to jump into cutting-edge technologies.

We've renewed the Research and Development Tax Credit, which helps businesses bring new ideas to market.

And our Innovation Council launched an Open Data Initiative which has made more than 5,200 Illinois data sets available online.

We're going to lead the nation in putting more public data online – in one place – from communities and universities across the state.

Already, young innovators like Touré McClusky and Elizabeth Park have designed smart phone apps using our data to help everyday people.

That's moving forward.

Thank you, Touré and thank you, Elizabeth.

We're going to continue to think big in Illinois.

Today, I'm announcing a \$2.3 million dollar investment in "1871," a new technology center at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago to foster and launch digital start-ups.

Today, I'm also announcing a \$6 million dollar statewide competition to build ultra-high speed broadband in neighborhoods across Illinois.

Through this challenge, we want our neighborhoods to become Gigabit communities with Internet connections more than 100 times faster than today!

Our goal is to build smart communities that will foster the job engines of the future.

Illinois is already a leader in green technology.

We lead the nation in operating wind turbines with 404 and growing.

We're also working with Argonne National Laboratory, the University of Illinois, the University of Chicago and Northwestern University, to develop the next generation of energy efficient batteries.

Even as we've fostered innovation and the industries of the future, we've also increased export opportunities for Illinois businesses to move their goods to new global markets.

The Illinois economy is the 18th largest in the world – and our state has tremendous potential to grow a whole lot more.

We have aggressively pursued export opportunities, from our mighty agriculture to our mighty manufacturing.

A quarter of our soybean crop is sold to just one country – China.

Illinois farmers are feeding China's new middle class.

Our manufacturers like John Deere in the Quad Cities and Caterpillar in Peoria had outstanding years.

Caterpillar's increase in sales and revenue last year was record-breaking, the largest percentage increase in the last 64 years.

And a lot of it was driven by foreign demand for Caterpillar products made by Illinois workers.

More exports to more foreign markets means more jobs for more Illinois workers.

Our exports have jumped 30 percent this year – almost double the national average.

And today, to strengthen that growth, we are announcing an Export Advisory Council made up of private sector leaders and chaired by Navistar CEO Dan Ustian.

This Council will help us reach our goal of doubling our exports by 2014.

Navistar has recently added more than 500 new jobs – and it employed more than 2,000 union construction workers to renovate its new corporate headquarters in Lisle.

Since 2010, employers like Navistar have added almost 100,000 jobs to our economy.

Illinois businesses have created almost 20,000 manufacturing jobs during this time.

US News & World Report placed Illinois in the top 5 “business friendly” states that are gaining businesses.

CareerBuilder ranked Illinois as one of the top ten states to find a job.

And last year Money Magazine rated Illinois as the top state for making a living.

Now that is moving forward.

And definitely, in an age of big bureaucracy, big corporations and big money, we can’t overlook the millions of Illinois consumers who need advocates to look out for them.

I want to thank Attorney General Lisa Madigan for joining me in our never-ending battle to protect Illinois consumers. Thank you, Lisa.

We all believe in fighting for the moms and dads and children of Illinois.

That’s why for the first time in a decade, we significantly increased tax relief for working families.

Thank you Rep. Barbara Flynn Currie, Rep. John Bradley, Rep. David Harris and Sen. Toi Hutchinson.

By doubling the Illinois Earned Income Tax Credit and improving the personal exemption, we are providing targeted tax relief to a million working families and their children.

People like Rhonda Jones. Rhonda is a single mom who is raising five children on the South Side of Chicago.

She works as a public high school counselor for a modest salary.

She knows what it’s like to live from paycheck to paycheck.

Year after year, the federal and state Earned Income Tax Credit has been her saving grace.

She uses that extra money to help pay bills and support her kids through school. Three of her children are now in college – and two more are on the way.

Thank you, Rhonda.

From the moment I took office, my goal has been to advance education for everyone.

So we passed landmark education laws that are a model for the nation.

Laws that improve school report cards so that parents have more information about the schools that educate their kids.

Laws that set clear benchmarks for teacher evaluation and put performance above tenure.

And laws that lay the groundwork for a longer school day and a longer school year.

Our education reforms put the children of Illinois first.

That's moving forward.

So, thank you to Sen. Kim Lightford, Rep. Linda Chapa La Via, and the many others who helped lead this effort.

We also took a big step forward by passing the Illinois DREAM Act to help high school graduates from immigrant families.

In the years to come, more kids will go to college.

More kids will chase their dreams.

More kids will grow up to be Illinois residents who work hard and contribute to society because of the DREAM Act.

We all have a stake in the future of Illinois. Indeed, we are custodians of that future.

We owe it to the next generation to continue our progress of the past three years.

To create jobs and grow our economy, we must continue to invest in Illinois and help everyday people.

With this in mind, I am proposing the Illinois Jobs Agenda for 2012 so we can build and grow our economy today and tomorrow.

The Illinois Jobs Agenda includes three targeted tax cuts that will build and grow our economy by helping our employers, our working families, and our veterans.

First, I propose that we permanently abolish the natural gas utility tax in Illinois.

This tax is an unfair, regressive tax that is not based on the ability to pay.

Regardless of income or whether or not you're making a profit, you pay this tax.

By abolishing it entirely, we can provide targeted tax relief to both consumers and businesses.

The elimination of this tax will save money for households and cut costs for employers across Illinois.

Illinois will be the only state in the Midwest without a natural gas utility tax on manufacturers, retailers and everyday families.

In addition, we need to establish a Child Tax Credit in Illinois for parents raising children.

There's no more important mission in life than raising a child.

Investing in our families is good for Illinois.

The Illinois Child Tax Credit will provide \$100 of direct tax relief every year to the typical family of four.

This targeted tax relief will stimulate consumer demand, which is 70 percent of our economy.

And it will create jobs for our local merchants.

Finally, we must adopt a tax credit that helps our veterans find employment.

Unemployment for young returning veterans in our country is 30%.

That's shameful.

Our military men and women are heroes who have served our country and they deserve our everlasting gratitude.

Veterans are committed, disciplined, and experienced.

They know leadership, and how to accomplish a mission.

We need these heroes in our workplaces!

So today I propose a Hiring Veterans Tax Credit.

We will provide a significant tax credit for every unemployed veteran of Iraq and Afghanistan that a company hires.

This tax credit will help businesses create jobs.

And it will give those jobs to the veterans who have sacrificed so much in serving our state and our country.

The Illinois Jobs Agenda for 2012 will also move Illinois forward by investing in education.

The best economic tool a state can have is a strong, innovative education system.

Jobs follow brainpower.

So I want to thank Lieutenant Governor Sheila Simon for doing an outstanding job on her community colleges report.

Having visited all of Illinois' 48 community colleges, Sheila has proposed many good reforms that need to be implemented in the coming year.

Sheila and I have a mission in Illinois – by 2025, we want at least 60 percent of adults in our state to have a college degree, an associate degree or a career certificate.

Right now, we're at 43 percent -better than the national average, but not good enough.

If we want 60 percent of Illinois adults to have a meaningful career certificate or degree by 2025, we must invest in our students from birth to higher education.

That starts with investing more dollars in Early Childhood Education.

Learning begins at birth and those first years of a child's life are the most important.

Our youngest and most vulnerable citizens need our strongest support.

Research has shown that without an early learning foundation, children fall behind in school.

Illinois, we can't leave our youngest behind.

That's why I'm calling for a major investment in early childhood education this year.

Last week, President Obama called for states to raise the minimum attendance age of students in schools to 18.

President Obama, we hear you in Illinois.

We know how important it is to do everything possible to keep our kids in school to earn that diploma.

And that's why we must answer the President's call. We must raise the minimum school attendance age to 18 and we must work together this session to do it.

Now, at a time when student loan debt is more than credit card debt, too many deserving students don't have access to higher education.

While nearly 150,000 Illinois students received state MAP scholarships last year to attend college, just as many qualified applicants were denied because of lack of funding.

So today I ask the members of the General Assembly to invest in our students.

I urge you to act in the coming year to make a significant investment in more state MAP scholarships to help our bright young students attend college.

We cannot leave our high school graduates unprepared to compete for the jobs of the future.

But our students won't be prepared for college and 21st century jobs if we don't educate them in 21st century schools.

So I also call today for a major investment in our classrooms.

This investment will create jobs now as we upgrade classrooms with modern labs, smart technology, digital books, high-speed Internet access, and 21st century efficiency.

These investments in our students will keep Illinois moving forward.

The Illinois Jobs Agenda for 2012 also includes a commitment to affordable housing, which is vital to our economic recovery.

While we've helped thousands of families stay in their homes and find affordable housing, we must do more.

So today, we're launching the Illinois Foreclosure Prevention Network to connect struggling homeowners with every resource available, from counseling to legal assistance to mortgage relief.

Also, in the coming week, I'll join with Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle to announce a major housing initiative that will help return vacant properties to good use.

That will move us forward.

Finally, we must move forward on clean water.

Clean Water is the lifeblood of our people and our communities.

Illinois is blessed with abundant water from Lake Michigan, to the Illinois River, to the Mighty Mississippi.

But many Illinois residents are living with aging water mains that are nearly 100 years old.

And scores of wastewater treatment facilities are in dire need of repair.

The Illinois Jobs Agenda for 2012 will put thousands of people to work replacing broken water mains, building treatment plants, upgrading sewers, and cleaning up environmental threats.

Working with mayors from Chicago and the suburbs to every part of downstate, we must invest in our Clean Water Initiative.

Members of the General Assembly, the Illinois Jobs Agenda for 2012 is a comprehensive jobs initiative for the people of our state.

To create jobs and grow the economy, we must enact targeted tax relief for Illinois employers, families and veterans.

We must invest in college scholarships, early childhood education, and 21st century schools. We must invest in affordable housing for our residents and clean water for our communities.

I look forward to working with you to find the proper funding to meet these urgent needs.

By investing in Illinois and investing in our people, we are building and growing our economy.

We are moving Illinois forward.

No reform is easy.

Reforming our Medicaid and our public pension systems will require political courage.

By the same token, no major investment is easy.

Moving forward on the vision that I have laid out today will require true partnership.

We have real challenges to tackle.

Like all of you, I recognize the severity of our fiscal situation.

But cuts alone will not resolve this situation.

We must build and grow our economy.

Now is not the time to pull back, to abandon our children, our parents, and the unemployed among us.

Their well-being is our common cause.

And our commitment to them requires that we join as partners to invest in our state and in our people.

I am proud of what we accomplished together these last three years.

Abraham Lincoln once said, "I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives. I like to see a man live so that his place will be proud of him."

After three years of hard work and tough decisions, Illinois is back on course.

Illinois is moving forward.

And Illinois is a place that we can be proud to claim as our own.

I look forward to working with you in the coming year to make the people of Illinois even prouder of our state.

Together, we can make the will of the people the law of the land.

Thank you very much.

At the hour of 12:39 o'clock p.m., President Cullerton moved that the Joint Assembly do now arise.

The motion prevailed.

The Senate having withdrawn, the House resumed its session.

Representative Lyons in the Chair.

At the hour of 12:44 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn, allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And in accordance therewith and pursuant to HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 59, the House stood adjourned until Tuesday, February 7, 2012, at 1:00 o'clock p.m.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
NINETY-SEVENTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY
HOUSE ROLL CALL
QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

February 01, 2012

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114 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P DeLuca	P Krezwick	P Reis
P Arroyo	P du Buclet	P Lang	P Riley
P Barickman	P Dugan	P Leitch	P Rita
P Beiser	P Dunkin	P Lilly	P Rose
P Bellock	P Durkin	P Lyons	P Rosenthal
P Berrios	P Eddy	P Mathias	P Roth
P Biss	P Evans	P Mautino	P Sacia
P Bost	P Farnham	P May	P Saviano
P Bradley	P Feigenholtz	P Mayfield	P Schmitz
P Brady	P Flowers	P McAsey	P Senger
P Brauer	P Ford	P McAuliffe	P Sente
P Brown	P Fortner	P McGuire	P Smith
E Burke, Daniel	P Franks	P Mell	P Sommer
P Burke, Kelly	P Gabel	P Mitchell, Bill	P Sosnowski
P Carli	P Gaffney	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Soto
P Cassidy	P Golar	P Moffitt	P Sullivan
P Cavaletto	P Gordon	P Morrison	P Thapedi
P Chapa LaVia	P Hammond	P Morthland	P Tracy
P Coladipietro	P Harris, David	P Mulligan	P Tryon
P Cole	P Harris, Greg	P Mussman	P Turner
P Colvin	P Hatcher	P Nekritz	P Unes
P Connelly	P Hays	E Nybo	P Verschoore
P Costello	P Hernandez	P Osmond	E Watson
P Crespo	P Howard	P Penny	P Williams
P Cross	P Jackson	E Phelps	P Winters
P Cunningham	P Jakobsson	P Pihos	P Yarbrough
P Currie	P Jefferson	P Poe	P Zalewski
P D'Amico	P Jones	P Pritchard	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis, Monique	P Kay	P Ramey	
P Davis, William	P Kosel	P Reboletti	

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96TH LEGISLATIVE DAY**Perfunctory Session****WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012**

At the hour of 3:32 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTIONS
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS
FIRST READING**

Representative Brauer introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 32**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to add Section 5 to Article VIII of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

**ARTICLE VIII
FINANCE****SECTION 5. ACTUARY GENERAL**

(a) The General Assembly shall provide by law for a comprehensive review of State-funded retirement systems to ensure the use of sound actuarial standards and assumptions.

(b) The General Assembly, by a vote of three-fifths of the members elected to each house, shall appoint an Actuary General and may remove him or her for cause by a similar vote. The Actuary General shall serve for a term of ten years. His or her compensation shall be established by law and shall not be diminished during his or her term.

(c) The Actuary General shall conduct reviews of the actuarial practices of the State-funded retirement systems and may mandate changes to those practices to ensure that all actuarial assumptions are sound and based on the best information available. The Actuary General shall make additional investigations and reports as directed by the General Assembly. The Actuary General shall report his or her findings and recommendations to the General Assembly and to the Governor.

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 32 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Biss introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 33**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Section 5 of Article XIII of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE XIII

GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 5. PENSION AND RETIREMENT RIGHTS

Membership in any ~~any~~ pension or retirement system of the State, any unit of local government or school district, or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall be an enforceable contractual relationship, the benefits of which shall not be diminished or impaired.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 33 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Lilly introduced the following:

**HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION
CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 34**

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend Sections 2 and 5 of Article IV of the Illinois Constitution as follows:

ARTICLE IV
THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2. LEGISLATIVE COMPOSITION

(a) One Senator shall be elected from each Legislative District. Immediately following each decennial redistricting, the General Assembly by law shall divide the Legislative Districts as equally as possible into three groups. Senators from one group shall be elected for terms of four years, four years and two years; Senators from the second group, for terms of four years, two years and four years; and Senators from the third group, for terms of two years, four years and four years. The Legislative Districts in each group shall be distributed substantially equally over the State.

(b) Each Legislative District shall be divided into two Representative Districts. ~~In 1982 and every two years thereafter~~ One Representative shall be elected from each Representative District ~~for a term of two years.~~ During each ten-year period, beginning with the general election in 2014, Representatives shall first be elected for terms of four years, then for terms of two years, and then for terms of four years.

(c) To be eligible to serve as a member of the General Assembly, a person must be a United States citizen, at least 21 years old, and for the two years preceding his election or appointment a resident of the district which he is to represent. In the general election following a redistricting, a candidate for the General Assembly may be elected from any district which contains a part of the district in which he resided at the time of the redistricting and reelected if a resident of the new district he represents for 18 months prior to reelection.

(d) Within thirty days after a vacancy occurs, it shall be filled by appointment as provided by law. If the vacancy is in a Senatorial or Representative office with more than twenty-eight months remaining in the term, the appointed Senator or Representative shall serve until the next general election, at which time a Senator or Representative shall be elected to serve for the remainder of the term. If the vacancy is in any other Senatorial or a Representative office ~~or in any other Senatorial office~~, the appointment shall be for the remainder of the term. An appointee to fill a vacancy shall be a member of the same political party as the person he succeeds.

(e) No member of the General Assembly shall receive compensation as a public officer or employee from any other governmental entity for time during which he is in attendance as a member of the General Assembly.

No member of the General Assembly during the term for which he was elected or appointed shall be appointed to a public office which shall have been created or the compensation for which shall have been increased by the General Assembly during that term.

(Source: Amendment adopted at general election November 4, 1980.)

SECTION 5. SESSIONS

(a) The General Assembly shall convene each year on the second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly shall be a continuous body for a period beginning and ending at noon on the second Wednesday of January of consecutive even-numbered years, during the term for which members of the House of Representatives are elected.

(b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by law.

(c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and committee meetings of a house may be closed to the public if two-thirds of the members elected to that house determine that the public interest so requires; and meetings of joint committees and legislative commissions may be so closed if two-thirds of the members elected to each house so determine.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to the terms of Representatives elected in 2014 and thereafter.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 34 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

Representative Cavaletto introduced the following:

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 35

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of this resolution a proposition to amend the Illinois Constitution by adding Section 2.5 to Article IV and by changing Section 2 of Article 5 as follows:

ARTICLE IV THE LEGISLATURE

SECTION 2.5. TERM LIMITS

(a) A person may not serve more than 12 total years of office as a Representative.

(b) A person may not serve more than 12 total years of office as a Senator.

(c) A person is considered to serve a term of office for the purpose of this Section if the person is elected or appointed to serve any portion of the term.

ARTICLE V THE EXECUTIVE

SECTION 2. TERMS

(a) These elected officers of the Executive Branch shall hold office for four years beginning on the second Monday of January after their election and, except in the case of the Lieutenant Governor, until their successors are qualified. They shall be elected at the general election in 1978 and every four years thereafter.

(b) A person may not serve more than 3 consecutive terms of office within the same Executive Branch office.

A person is considered to serve a term of office for the purpose of this subsection if the person is elected or appointed to serve any portion of the term.

(Source: Illinois Constitution.)

SCHEDULE

This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois Constitutional Amendment Act and applies to the election of members of the General

Assembly beginning in the first general election that occurs after that date.

The foregoing HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT 35 was taken up, read in full a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 4545. Introduced by Representative Cassidy, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4546. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 4547. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 4548. Introduced by Representative Bellock, AN ACT concerning public health.

HOUSE BILL 4549. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4550. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4551. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4552. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4553. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4554. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4555. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4556. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4557. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4558. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4559. Introduced by Representative Thapedi, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4560. Introduced by Representative Thapedi, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 4561. Introduced by Representative Mell, AN ACT concerning vehicles.

HOUSE BILL 4562. Introduced by Representative Riley, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4563. Introduced by Representative Riley, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4564. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4565. Introduced by Representative Lang, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 4566. Introduced by Representative Brauer, AN ACT concerning children.

HOUSE BILL 4567. Introduced by Representative Brauer, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4568. Introduced by Representative Bradley, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 4569. Introduced by Representative Lang, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4570. Introduced by Representative Lang, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 4571. Introduced by Representative Lang, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4572. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4573. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4574. Introduced by Representative Osmond, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 4575. Introduced by Representative Costello, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4576. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning interstate mutual emergency aid.

HOUSE BILL 4577. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4578. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4579. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4580. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4581. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4582. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4583. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4584. Introduced by Representative Moffitt, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4585. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 4586. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning conservation.

HOUSE BILL 4587. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4588. Introduced by Representative Cunningham, AN ACT concerning business practices.

HOUSE BILL 4589. Introduced by Representative Osmond, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4590. Introduced by Representative Cunningham, AN ACT concerning corrections.

HOUSE BILL 4591. Introduced by Representative Osmond, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 4592. Introduced by Representative Cunningham, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 4593. Introduced by Representative Bellock, AN ACT concerning public health.

HOUSE BILL 4594. Introduced by Representative Cunningham, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4595. Introduced by Representative Cunningham, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4596. Introduced by Representative Durkin, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 4597. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4598. Introduced by Representative Verschoore, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4599. Introduced by Representative Harris, David, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 4600. Introduced by Representative Lyons, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4601. Introduced by Representative Dugan, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 4602. Introduced by Representative Burke, Kelly, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4603. Introduced by Representative Jakobsson, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 4604. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4605. Introduced by Representative Colvin, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4606. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4607. Introduced by Representative Cole, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4608. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4609. Introduced by Representative Lilly, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4610. Introduced by Representative Durkin, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4611. Introduced by Representative Lilly, AN ACT concerning corrections.

HOUSE BILL 4612. Introduced by Representative Lilly, AN ACT concerning corrections.

HOUSE BILL 4613. Introduced by Representative Tracy, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 4614. Introduced by Representative Tracy, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 4615. Introduced by Representative Lilly, AN ACT concerning housing.

HOUSE BILL 4616. Introduced by Representative Lilly, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4617. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 4618. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 4619. Introduced by Representative Connelly, AN ACT concerning courts.

HOUSE BILL 4620. Introduced by Representative Gabel, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 4621. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4622. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4623. Introduced by Representative Bellock, AN ACT concerning health.

HOUSE BILL 4624. Introduced by Representative Berrios, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 4625. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 4626. Introduced by Representative Biss, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4627. Introduced by Representative Biss, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4628. Introduced by Representative Biss, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4629. Introduced by Representative Biss, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4630. Introduced by Representative Biss, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4631. Introduced by Representative Biss, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4632. Introduced by Representative Senger, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4633. Introduced by Representative Biss, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4634. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 4635. Introduced by Representative Lilly, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 4636. Introduced by Representative McAsey, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4637. Introduced by Representative McAsey, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4638. Introduced by Representative McAsey, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 4639. Introduced by Representative Senger, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 4640. Introduced by Representative Senger, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4641. Introduced by Representative Senger, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 4642. Introduced by Representative Senger, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4643. Introduced by Representative Senger, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4644. Introduced by Representative Senger, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 4645. Introduced by Representative Senger, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 4646. Introduced by Representative Sosnowski, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4647. Introduced by Representative Hatcher, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 4648. Introduced by Representative Hatcher, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 4649. Introduced by Representative Hatcher, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 4650. Introduced by Representative Brady, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 4651. Introduced by Representative Brady, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 4652. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning family law.

HOUSE BILL 4653. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning public aid.

HOUSE BILL 4654. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning assumed business names.

HOUSE BILL 4655. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning minors.

HOUSE BILL 4656. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4657. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 4658. Introduced by Representative Cavaletto, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 4659. Introduced by Representative Dunkin, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4660. Introduced by Representative Tryon, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 4661. Introduced by Representative Cassidy, AN ACT concerning safety.

At the hour of 3:54 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.